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Serial No.: 10/786,657	)	Examiner: Julian W. Woo
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Filed: February 25, 2004	)	
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For: EXTREMELY LONG WIRE FASTENERS	)	
FOR USE IN MINIMALLY INVASIVE	)	
SURGERY AND MEANS AND	)	
METHODS FOR HANDLING THOSE	)	
<u>FASTENERS</u>	)	

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 26, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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